Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Should not early notice be given?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* You may assume that notice is given on the date the vacancy arose. But the vacancy may be only for 15 days. And within this short period, the Board will not be meeting.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is quite possible that a person may be taken to sudden illness. Things like that happen.

ANCHAL SERVICE—TRICHUR—IRINJALAKKUDA—PULLOOT LINE—ENTRUSTMENT OF

56. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state to whom the anchal service from Trichur to Irinjalakkuda and Pulloot is entrusted from 1117?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The contract for the conveyance of anchal mails on Trichur—Irinjalakkuda—Pulloot line is entrusted with Messrs. T. B. T. Ltd., for three years from 1st Chingam 1117.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether this T.B.T. Motor Service was plying between Irinjalakkuda and Trichur for a number of years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there are not other buses which are carrying mails from Trichur to Irinjalakkuda?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know there has been any dereliction of duty so far as those bus people are concerned, so that it may be given to a foreign concern?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Except for the usual dereliction, there was no specific dereliction of duty on their part.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, what was the reason for the change?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The other tenders were not acceptable.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether tenders were called for and submitted on one specific date?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Tenders were called for and received on a particular day, and they were looked into the same day.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Was the tender notification published in the Gazette?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: Tenders were advertised in the Gazette.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: My point is, in the tenders submitted by the various persons the terms were specified by each of the contractors. Probably one company or one bus-owner may give a tender and another man is called for and told that so and so has offered such and such a thing, are you prepared to take it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: If you want I shall give you a detailed report. It is an elaborate report. You can have it. In fact, we called for a report when a petition came to the Government.

INSURANCE COMPANIES WORKING IN THE STATE— CONTROL OVER

57. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many insurance companies are carrying on business in the State;

(*b*) what are their names;

(*c*) what is the extent of their operations in Rs. as. ps. in 1116 or in 1940;

(*d*) have the Cochin Government any control or hold on the working of the same?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) 9.

(*b*) 1. The Andhra Insurance Co., Ltd., Masulipatam.
2. The New Asiatic Life Insurance Co., Ltd., New Delhi.
3. The Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Co., Ltd., Bombay.
4. The Venus Assurance Co., Ltd., Delhi.
5. The Indo-Union Assurance Co., Ltd., George Town, Madras.
6. The Hyderabad Pioneer Assurance Co., Ltd., Hyderabad, Deccan.
7. The Mysore Insurance Co., Ltd., Bangalore City.
8. The Asian Assurance Co., Ltd., Bombay.
9. The Bharat Insurance Co., Ltd., Lahore.

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